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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Marshall "Zeke" Smith of Edwardsville, who passed away on November 18, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He worked at Western Cartridge Company and attended Shurtleff College, prior to the war; he enlisted the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked and served his country in the infantry in North Africa and the Middle East for thirty-four months; he was discharged as a staff sergeant in November of 1945; he remained in the Ready Reserve as a first sergeant until June of 1954; and

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WHEREAS, He was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion; upon graduating from Washington University Law School in 1949, he opened a law practice in Wood River and had a general and trial practice which handled substantial workman's compensation cases; his lifetime in the law business was spent in the East Alton-Wood River area; he also represented the Village of East Alton, the City of Wood River, the St. Louis Regional Airport, and the Wood River Levy District for approximately 20 years; he also served as an Assistant State's Attorney for 8 years; and

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WHEREAS, He will always be remembered for his love of

1 telling "war stories" and his "famous" cigar; he enjoyed duck
2 hunting, sailing, traveling the back roads of America,
3 Dixieland music, spending time farming and cattle raising in
4 the Prairietown area, and his everlasting fondness for his dog,
5 Bunky; one of his greatest pleasures was driving friends around
6 the farm in Prairietown; he will also be remembered for the
7 many fall festivities at the farm; upon retirement, he spent
8 much time reading, manicuring his lawn, raising flowers, and
9 welcoming visitors into his home; and

10 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall
11 and Estel Smith; and his sisters, Odessa Nelson and Margaret
12 Barley; and

13 WHEREAS, Marshall Smith is survived by his wife of 64
14 years, Virginia; his 3 sons, Mark, Eric, and Wyatt Smith; his
15 grandchildren, Erica Gomez, Ryan Smith, Nona Lynn Smith, Mark
16 Blunt, and Kimberly Cheek; and his six great-grandchildren;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Marshall "Zeke" Smith;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Marshall "Zeke" Smith as a symbol of
2 our sincere sympathy.